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ABSTRACT: A utility for creating a real-time bid-ask transportation marketplace where all relevant information may be viewed and acted upon is disclosed. See FIG. 2. Users of the present invention tender shipments and offer capacity, which are analyzed and entered into transportation instruments. Contracts obligate the shipper to make a load available and the carrier to transport the load at a given time for a given price. Shipments may be managed throughout their entire life cycle using software tools that interact with the bid-ask marketplace.

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Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (9): [0008] Carriers want to predetermine their workload to minimize the cost of asset relocation. Carriers also need the ability to lower costs by offering a resource to more than one counterparty at a time; and, when the first counterparty accepts the offer, to have the system automatically remove all of the remaining offers. Shippers also need the ability to lower costs by offering a shipment to more than one counterparty at a time; and, when the first counterparty accepts the offer, to have the system automatically remove all of the remaining offers.

Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (23): [0021] In yet another aspect, the invention provides a computer system for calculating historical market data on transportation, including a means for receiving into a staging area a plurality of completed shipment transportation data, and a software program to calculate the standardized line haul rate per mile for each completed shipment.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (123): [0171] A display of a summary of the last few orders that have been booked indicating their current status and additional information that may be used in managing the shipment. When the user books a shipment or truck it is displayed at the top of this link to give the user visual confirmation that the system has booked the order and removed it from the marketplace. When the order is completed it is removed from this link to give the user visual confirmation that the system has fulfilled the request. Selecting a shipment in the tracking and tracing link causes the display of additional information on the tracking and tracing of shipments and trucks in the Workspace link.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (133): [0180] Spot and historical prices, shipping demand, and transportation capacity data are available as optional data products. TrantisLink supports the use of both EDI message structures and XML aggregation and syndication (note: aggregation is the process of collecting data from disparate sources; syndication is the process of distributing data to disparate channels) to support data interchange within the transportation community. It should be noted that the present invention could implement any current technology that provides the latest and most effective distribution and promotion of data and user interactivity. Specifically, the TrantisLink system supports order entry and monitoring by importing and exporting .CSV files (comma separated variable, e.g. MS Excel Spreadsheets) in a pre-defined format. Exported files are used by a legacy system or any other type of known database to generate standard reports.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (197): [0238] It is necessary to use standardized accessorial charges to normalize shipment data received from external trading networks.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (234): [0272] Furthermore, TrantisLink offers tracking-and-tracing of all shipments regardless of whether they were booked on a TrantisLink network. This enables shippers and receivers of goods to manage their terminals efficiently even when using more than one carrier. In addition to spot transactions, TrantisLink provides forward and series contracts, a very significant advance over the current standard practice of incomplete annual pricing agreements that do not obligate the parties to minimum volume commitments.

Claims Text - CLTX (42): 42. A computer system for calculating historical market data on transportation, comprising: means for receiving into a staging area a plurality of completed shipment transportation data, and; software program to calculate the standardized line haul rate per mile for each completed shipment.

Claims Text - CLTX (44): 44. The computer system of claim 42, further comprising: means for receiving into a staging area a plurality of shipment requests and offered capacity transportation data; and software program to calculate the standardized line haul rate per mile for each tendered shipment or offered capacity.